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E.O. 11652: GDS  
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SUBJECT: ADMIRAL SUDOMO'S VIEWS ON MILITARY ASSISTANCE AND RELATED  
MATTERS

1. DURING MY JULY 10 CALL, I ASKED DEPUTY COMMANDER IN CHIEF  
OF THE ARMED FORCES, ADMIRAL SUDOMO, ABOUT THE OUTCOME OF  
THE RECENT VISIT TO INDONESIA BY COMMANDER OF THE FRENCH  
ARMED FORCES, GENERAL GUY MERY. SUDOMO SAID THE VISIT  
WAS USEFUL TO EXCHANGE INFORMATION, BUT THAT IT HAD  
PRODUCED NO SPECIFIC RESULTS. THE FRENCH HAD PRESSED  
INDONESIA TO BUY THE MIRAGE, BUT THE INDONESIAN DECISION  
TO STICK WITH THE F-5 WAS FIRM. THOROUGH CONSIDERATION  
BY THE INDONESIAN MILITARY HAD CONVINCED INDONESIA'S  
POLICY MAKERS THAT THE F-5 WAS BEST SUITED TO MEET THEIR  
SECURITY. THEY WERE INFLUENCED ALSO BY THE FACT  
THAT THIS PLANE WOULD BE COMPATIBLE WITH THOSE OF THEIR  
MAJOR ASEAN COLLEAGUES. SUDOMO CONFIRMED THAT A  
MILITARY MISSION WOULD BE VISITING FRANCE, BUT SAID THAT  
THIS WAS LARGELY A GOODWILL MOVE. THE ONLY SIGNIFICANT  
EQUIPMENT WHICH INDONESIA IS LIKELY TO BUY FROM FRANCE  
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IS THE PUMA HELICOPTER.

2. SUDOMO CONFIRMED ALSO THAT INDONESIA IS DEFINITELY  
GOING AHEAD WITH PROCUREMENT OF AN M-16 COPRODUCTION PLANT  
AND WITH THE A-4 AIRCRAFT. ASKED ABOUT REPORTS CIRCULATING  
IN JAKARTA THAT INDONESIA MIGHT WANT TO OBTAIN TRANSPORT  
HELICOPTERS FROM THE UNITED STATES, SUDOMO SAID

THIS WAS INDEED TRUE. THEY HOPED OVER A FIVE YEAR PERIOD TO OBTAIN ENOUGH HELICOPTERS UNDER FMS TO TRANSPORT AN INDONESIAN BATTALION. SUDOMO SAID THEY HAD NOT YET TALKED WITH THE AMERICAN FIRM INVOLVED, AND WOULD FIRST EXPLORE THE MATTER WITH DLG. SUDOMO STRESSED THAT INDONESIA HOPED TO MOVE RAPIDLY IN MEETING ALL THESE MILITARY REQUIREMENTS IN VIEW OF THE PRESENT POOR STATE OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT.

3. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION, SUDOMO CONFIRMED THAT LT. GENERAL HASAN HABIB, FORMER DEFENSE DEPARTMENT CHIEF OF STAFF FOR ADMINISTRATION, WILL BE GOING TO THAILAND AS AMBASSADOR. HASAN HABIB HAS HAD A RECENT HEART PROBLEM, BUT THIS IS NOT CONSIDERED SUFFICIENTLY SERIOUS TO BLOCK THE APPOINTMENT. THE PRESENT INDONESIAN AMBASSADOR IN BANGKOK, GENERAL SUHUD, WILL JOIN THE HANKAM STAFF AS THE DEPUTY FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS, REPLACING GENERAL DARYAMMO. ASKED ABOUT A PERMANENT REPLACEMENT FOR HASAN HABIB ON THE HANKAM STAFF, SUDOMO, WHO NOW TEMPORARILY HOLDS THE POSITION, SAID SOMEONE WOULD BE APPOINTED BEFORE THE END OF THIS YEAR, BUT NO DECISION HAS YET BEEN MADE. MEANWHILE, GENERAL YOGI WILL HANDLE DAY TO DAY OPERATIONS IN THAT OFFICE, AND SUDOMO WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR ANY POLICY LEVEL DECISIONS.

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